

## FOUND GUILTY OF KILLING HER BABE.

Mrs. Mary Van Wyck Convicted of Murder in the Second Degree, at Paterson, N. J.

The Skull of the Murdered Infant Exhibited Before the Wretched Woman in Court.

HEAD CRUSHED BY FINGER AND THUMB

Prosecutor Denounced the Mother—She Had to Be Assisted Back to Jail After the Verdict Was Announced.

Paterson, N. J., Feb. 28.—Mrs. Mary Van Wyck, who was placed on trial in the Passaic County Court, here, yesterday, for the murder of her baby, was to-night found guilty of murder in the second degree. The woman was overcome when the verdict was announced and had to be assisted back to the jail.

When the trial was resumed this morning the court room was crowded. The day was taken up by counsel, who summed up, after which Judge Dixon delivered the charge to the jury.

During the address of Counsellor Ward, who appeared for Mrs. Van Wyck, the skull of the dead infant was exhibited. Mr. Ward took up the skull and threw it down with a thump, declaring he did not believe it could be fractured by the squeezing between the fingers and thumb, as the doctors had testified.

At this point the mother, who sat near counsel, burst into tears, and buried her face in her hands and handkerchief, not again raising her head during the progress of Mr. Ward's address.

Prosecutor Gourney summed up for the State. He declared the woman's story from beginning to end was an absolute lie. Not a thing she did, from the time she started out, with her child, he said, was the act of an innocent woman. She did not give a man when she misused the child, but instead she went home, and told several stories about its disappearance.

After Judge Dixon had delivered an impartial charge, the jury, at 2:45 p. m., retired. The crowd of spectators in the court room remained to hear the result of their deliberation. At 8:20 word was sent to the Court that an agreement had been reached, and the foreman announced that Mrs. Van Wyck had been found guilty of murder in the second degree.

WANTED TO MURDER ALL.

Seized His Seventeen-Year-Old Daughter by the Throat to Strangle Her.

Paterson, N. J., Feb. 28.—Joseph Fairhurst, a prominent silk manufacturer, was committed to jail to-day, charged with attempting to murder his seventeen-year-old daughter, Jennie. The man is thought to be insane, and an inquiry into his mental condition will be made. When arraigned today Fairhurst continually talked about murdering a whole family.

While Jennie was reading in her home last night her father came upon her suddenly and seized her by the neck in a vice-like grip. The girl could not call for assistance, and the crazed parent did not release her until she was black in the face. She fell to the floor unconscious, and was found some time after. Upon reviving the girl told of the attack and Fairhurst was placed under arrest.

AMATEURS IN THE CIRCUS RING.

Orange People to Have a Novel Entertainment for Two Days.

Orange, N. J., Feb. 28.—Following close on the heels of the recent big horse show, the management of the Riding and Driving clubs of Orange have decided to give an amateur circus in the tan bark ring of the club on Halsted street, East Orange, on April 3 and 4. The performers will be members of the Riding Club and the Orange Athletic Club, as in the latter organization there are several well-known athletes.

The committee in charge of the arrangements is James B. Dill, Charles Hathaway, Charles B. Gregory and Edward M. Colie. The show will be given under the patronage of Lieutenant Von Leonhardt, the riding master of the club, will be in charge of the performers.

NARROWLY ESCAPED THE BOLT.

An Operator Had Just Left the Station When Lightning Struck It.

Lambertville, Feb. 28.—There was a heavy thunder storm south of here to-night.

The railroad station at Wilburth, a few miles below this place, was struck by lightning and partly burned. The storm broke down all telegraph and telephone wires, and the news was brought here by train.

The telegraph operator at Wilburth had a narrow escape. He had just stepped out of his office when the bolt of lightning struck the building. The fire ran into the operating room and played about the instruments. The place was soon ablaze, and before the firemen extinguished the flames more than half the station had been destroyed.

WAS IN JAIL FOR NO CRIME.

Patrick Marono Set Free After One Year in Prison.

Elizabeth, Feb. 28.—Patrick Marono, who was arrested nearly a year ago in Hudson County for passing a counterfeit dollar, was never indicted and has been in jail here ever since. This morning Judge McCormick set him free, saying that his punishment had been sufficient even if he were guilty, which had never been officially proved.

The youth's joy at his unexpected liberation caused many spectators to weep. He says he is innocent of intention to do fraud.

FIRE CHARGES OF EXPLOSIVES.

Successful Test of Hathaway Powder at Sandy Hook.

Sandy Hook, N. J., Feb. 28.—Five shells loaded with the Hathaway high explosive, which is claimed to be more powerful than dynamite, were to-day successfully fired from a six-pound Driggs-Schroeder rifle with a full powder charge.

Four of the shells penetrated a four-inch plate and exploded in a sand bank back of it. The last shell, which was fired without a detonator to show that the powder will not explode without the aid of a fuse, penetrated the plate and did not go off.

Inventor of Celluloid Dend.

Bloomfield, N. J., Feb. 28.—Dr. William Hugh Pierson, who was interested in the invention of celluloid, died in New York yesterday at the age of sixty-eight. He was a veteran of the late war and served as a surgeon in the navy. He left a wife and one son.

## JERSEY'S CRIPPLE CREEK.

A Farmer in Morris County Strikes a Rich Lead and Believes He Will Be a Croesus.

Morrisstown, N. J., Feb. 28.—C. G. Seals, of Chester, Morris County, claims that he has discovered a gold mine on his farm, near Pottersville. He has sunk a shaft twenty-six feet deep in the vein of ore-bearing rock, and from specimens sent to assayers has received reports showing that the ore will pan out from \$9 to \$90 per ton. As soon as the weather permits mining on an extensive scale will be commenced, according to Farmer Seal.

CALLED DOWN GOD'S WRATH.

Cassidy Asked to Be Struck Dead If He Were Guilty.

Paterson, Feb. 28.—John Cassidy and Frank Miller, convicted of assaulting and robbing Lewis Sherman on Market street about a month since, were returned to ten years each in State prison by Judge Hopper this morning.

Cassidy held his right hand aloft and exclaimed: "May the God in heaven strike me dead at this moment if I am guilty. I'm innocent of this crime, but Rick Gibbons knows all about it, and if he was a man he would come here and tell and we would be free."

Cassidy's manner was so impressive that even the Judge's conviction of his guilt seemed shaken, and it is probable that a further investigation will be made. "The Gibbons referred to by Cassidy is a brother of Austin Gibbons, the pugilist, whose career in the ring is well known. Ackerman's watch was found in the possession of Gibbons, but he claimed that Cassidy had asked him to lend it for him. Judge Hopper said that Gibbons should at least have been indicted for receiving stolen goods."

ACQUACKANONKITES PICK.

The Tax Collector Refused to Permit Citizens to See the Books.

Lakeview, N. J., Feb. 28.—A large and enthusiastic meeting of the citizens of Acquackanonk township was held last night at the Olympic Park Hotel. The township abuses and their remedies were discussed at length by the following speakers: J. H. Adamson, Thomas Butler and James R. Brown. Mr. John T. Gould acted as chairman and Mr. E. J. Mullany as secretary for the meeting.

Among the many abuses cited by the various speakers was the refusal of the collector to allow citizens to see the tax books. The grossest kind of favoritism was also shown in matters of assessment. Some property in Clinton was cited as being assessed at a valuation of \$300 an acre, the same property being sold for \$5,000 an acre. Instances were also given where assessments were entirely omitted in the tax levy by the assessors, and for years had not been assessed. Notice of a primary will be posted in a few days. The citizens of Acquackanonk are appealed to on behalf of the citizens' district. Every man is pledged to publicity in the transaction for public business. No favoritism in matters of assessment and a strict regard to business methods in the transaction of public affairs is the war cry.

DUNBARS ARE IN IGNORANCE.

Fears That the Knowledge of Laura Giles's Death May Prove Disastrous.

New Brunswick, N. J., Feb. 28.—Nelson and Ralston Dunbar, the young farmers who took the Giles sisters to Dominie Dorwood's reception at the Stetson parsonage on Wednesday night, are still in the Wells Memorial Hospital. The doctors have advised that the news of Laura Giles's death at the railroad crossing be kept from them. Both suffer from scalp wounds and contusions about the face, but they have no broken bones. They say they do not recollect the approach of the freight train until the horse was upon the track. Then it was too late.

The body of Laura Giles lies at the home of her grandfather, Mofford Runyon. In the same house is the dead girl's injured sister, Bertha. She has a severe scalp wound and a contused cheek bone, but her injuries will not prove serious.

The funeral of Laura Giles will be held Saturday afternoon from the New Market Church.

SCHNEIDER'S ESTATE SHRUNK.

It is Now Only \$48,000, and the Heirs Want a Settlement.

Lawyer Heppenheimer, of Jersey City, made an application yesterday to Judge Hudspeeth, in the Orphans' Court, to have him order Charles Clinton, the executor of the estate of Peter Schneider, who died in 1885, to pay \$500,000 to the heirs.

When Schneider died he left eleven heirs, who are now adults. His property was valued at \$500,000. He is said to have died owing to mismanagement it has dwindled down to \$48,000. The heirs have not been satisfied with the executor and wanted him to give them more.

Lawyer Heppenheimer asked that the court grant the heirs \$3,000 each pending the decision of Judge Hudspeeth set the matter down for a further hearing on Friday.

ALDERMAN PARKS APPEALS.

Evidently Has No Fear of Conviction and Buys Land.

Asbury Park, N. J., Feb. 28.—Charles Parks, ex-Alderman of New York, who in May last was convicted of keeping a disorderly house in this place and sentenced in the Monmouth County Court to a term in the State prison, has been released on bail pending a decision on appeal. He has been required to renew his bail bond, \$5,000. Parks will carry his case to the Court of Errors and Appeals. He evidently has no fear of going to jail, as he continues to invest in Asbury Park real estate.

Connolly Now Ready for Footpads.

John Connolly, of the firm of Trainor & Connolly, pickle makers, First and Madison streets, Jersey City, called on Chief of Police Donovan yesterday afternoon and asked for a permit to carry a revolver.

The Chief's questions brought out the story of a daring highway robbery which took place on the New York and Jersey line driving on the Paterson plank road, near East Newark, Connolly and one of his employees were "knocked up" by two masked men, who enforced their demands with leveled revolvers. Connolly had only 50 cents, and the highwaymen took this and made off.

A Bayonne Boy's Fatal Play on Ice.

Bayonne, N. J., Feb. 28.—While playing on the ice in a deep pond, located in the sunken lot, corner East Fifty-second street and Avenue E, this evening, Walter A. Carr, thirteen years old, of No. 27 East Fifty-ninth street, broke through the ice, and before help could be summoned was drowned. His body was immediately recovered and removed to his home. Dr. Kilgore was hastily called, but all efforts to save the lad failed.

Shot for Stealing His Friend's Wife.

Atlantic City, N. J., Feb. 28.—Samuel H. Innis, who was shot yesterday in the head, behind the right ear, by William Minus, a not very friendly acquaintance, was not in any danger and the physicians will extract the bullet this afternoon. Innis alleged that Minus had alienated the affections of his wife. Minus attempted to escape, but after a chase of several miles was caught and is now awaiting the result of Innis's injury.

Crushed by His Own Vehicle.

Pleasant, N. J., Feb. 28.—While driving a wagon near Norwood yesterday, by falling from the seat while asleep, the wheels of the heavy furniture van passed over his head, crushing him. He had been to New York for the furniture, and was on his way to Tappan. Coroner Ricardo, of Hackensack, towed the remains. Barlow was a heavy man.

## TEN-YEAR-OLD HERO DEAD.

Eddie Zinner Could Not Rally from the Terrible Injuries He Received.

With One Arm Around His Mother's Neck He Begged Forgiveness for Having Played on the Track.

CHILDREN FLOCK TO SEE THE BODY.

The Funeral Will Be Held To-morrow, and an Entire Sunday School Will Attend the Services in the Humble Home of the Grief-Stricken Parents.

Ten-year-old Edward Zinner was run over by a railroad train at the Freelinghousen avenue, Newark, through a man's hand, and he was taken to the hospital, where he died.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 28.—Edward Zinner, the ten-year-old boy who had both legs and one arm severed by a Lehigh Valley Railway train in this city on Thursday, died to-day at St. Barnabas's Hospital. The lad displayed remarkable heroism, and battled against death until the last moment.

Edward was playing with two little companions of his own age at the Freelinghousen avenue crossing, and attempted to cross the tracks, when a train came along without warning and cut off both legs above the knees and the right arm between the wrist and elbow. When the train had passed the little fellow looked up the track and saw another train coming. His companions, who had witnessed the

accident, were riveted to the spot with horror.

The injured lad then displayed a degree of nerve bordering on the phenomenal. Raising himself up on his uninjured arm, he lifted the bleeding stump of the other arm and beckoned to his little playmates. "Don't move," he said. "Pull me away quick or I'll get hit again."

The sound of his voice brought the other two boys to their senses, and they dragged him from his perilous position as the second train thundered past. An ambulance was called, and the little sufferer placed in it. He did not lose consciousness, and complained that the vehicle was being driven too fast, as the jolting hurt his arm. He said he would have been killed if the engine had not been so close.

The shock, however, was too much for his constitution, and after explaining how the accident occurred, he lapsed into unconsciousness. An hour or two before he died he opened his eyes, and placing one arm about his mother's neck, begged her forgiveness for having played on the track. Then it was too late.

The body of the boy was taken to the home of his grandfather, Mofford Runyon. In the same house is the dead girl's injured sister, Bertha. She has a severe scalp wound and a contused cheek bone, but her injuries will not prove serious.

The funeral of Edward Zinner will be held Saturday afternoon from the New Market Church.

EDWARD ZINNER.

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## ATTEMPT TO BURN A HALL.

The Walls of the Auditorium in Rahway Saturated with Kerosene and Fired.

Ropes Stretched Across the Street by the Incendiaries to Obstruct the Firemen.

FLAMES QUICKLY EXTINGUISHED.

Revenge Believed to Have Been the Motive of the Firebugs—The Town at the Mercy of Footpads and Night Marauders.

Rahway, N. J., Feb. 28.—For several months past this town has been at the mercy of footpads and midnight marauders. They have committed innumerable burglaries, frightened women into hysterics and narrowly escaped murder in several instances. The police seem powerless to cope with the outlaws, though arrests have been made of thieves who have stolen horse blankets and other trilling articles.

Chief of Police Wright is wrestling with a greater problem, the detection of the firebugs who attempted to burn the only public hall in Rahway early this morning. About 2 o'clock Eugene Marsh, of the Electric Light Company, whose power house is about twenty-five feet from the Auditorium building, on Irving street, saw flames coming up the side of the structure. He blew the fire alarm whistle, which was responded to by the Fire Department and many citizens.

In running to the fire the firemen met with all sorts of obstacles. Ropes had been stretched across the street by the would-be incendiaries, so as to trip them up, the roads being the property of many firemen and others are to-day nursing sore shins.

When the firemen reached the Auditorium they found that the sides of the building had been saturated with kerosene and inflammable material had been arranged in different places and fired. The fire was extinguished with little effort and little loss was sustained.

The Auditorium is the headquarters of the Women's Christian Temperance Union and it is here that the Law Enforcement League held its meetings. All societies which have for their aim the promotion of good morals hold forth in the building. This gives rise to the belief that the fire was instigated by people who want to be revenged on the crusade.

The structure was originally built by Quakers 16 years ago for a meeting house. It was recently overhauled and renovated. The Reform Club has called a meeting to-morrow night to take action leading to the destruction of the firebugs. A reward of \$200 will be offered.

Indignation runs high here to-night over the audacious attempt assumed by the liquor men since they achieved a victory over the Law Enforcement League.

Among the firemen who were hurt by being tripped on the ropes were John W. George Eckert, Henry Berwerth, Charles Mettinger, Courtland Sudman, Henry Chaplin and Charles Heath.

BROOKWAY NOT SENTENCED.

Letter from Sing Sing Proclaims Mrs. Smith's Innocence.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 28.—William E. Brockway, Abbie L. Smith and William E. Wagner, the counterfeiters, were to have been sentenced in the United States District Court to-day, but under an agreement of Court and counsel sentence was postponed until Saturday of next week. Mrs. Smith and Wagner are still making efforts to prove that they were not cognizant of what was going on in the house which the Government detective raided in West Hoboken.

Dr. Bradford says that Mrs. Smith and Wagner are innocent. In the case of Brockway, who was indicted with them, the rest of the counterfeiters, a note proffered was entered. District Attorney Rice announced that the Government had no evidence against him.

Would Break Insurance Companies.

[Oakland Echoes.]

"If the New York fire goods district could be destroyed to-night," said a business man of that city to a newspaper representative, "every great insurance company in the world would fall." Doubtless there is some exaggeration in such a statement, but the fact is that \$800,000,000 worth of insurable goods in the country are stored in New York.

Forest Fires at Eggs Harbor City.

Egg Harbor City, Feb. 28.—A destructive forest fire has been raging to the northeast of this place all day, and much valuable timber land has been destroyed. A number of people are now endeavoring to check the progress of the flames.

Boy Bitten by a Rabid Dog.

Elizabeth, Feb. 28.—A twelve-year-old boy, Deering, of Butler street, was bitten on the arm yesterday by a dog supposed to be mad. The dog was captured at once and the wound was cauterized at once and the dog shot. It belonged to John Day.

Should Stir Out.

[Kansas City Journal.]

"In New York," says Theodore Roosevelt, "two bad New Yorkers should stir out and get acquainted with the next President."

## A New Head for Jersey Justice.

Trenton, Feb. 28.—Nine legal gentlemen with nine well equipped minds and entertaining nine different views on the subject of how to reorganize the judiciary of the State met in secret convocation this morning in the Chancellor's office at the State House. They had been selected in accordance with a resolution introduced last Tuesday by Senator Voorhees for the purpose of drafting a suitable constitutional amendment remodelling the Supreme Court, the Court of Chancery and the Court of Errors and Appeals.

The chief desire of the lawyers is to create a separate and independent Court of Errors, the present constitution of that tribunal, the Chancellor, the Supreme Court Justices, and six lay judges, not being in strict consonance with their views as to what it should be. A judge who has rendered a decision on a case can thus be one of the court of last resort and pass judgment on his own opinions in a lower court. This is a vital defect, say the lawyers.

The make-up of the aggregation of legal talent to which has been submitted the matters quoted is as follows: Thomas N. McCarter, of Newark; Samuel Grey, of Camden; Gilbert Collins, of Jersey City; Ex-Judge J. Frank Fort, of Newark; Garrett D. W. Vroom, of Trenton; Frank Bergh, of Elizabeth; Ex-Judge Stevens, of Newark; Eugene Stevenson, of Jersey City, and J. H. Ponceast, of Woodbury.

The amendment agreed upon and which will be drafted and submitted to the Senate will create a separate and independent Court of Errors and Appeals, consisting of five judges, appointed by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate, to serve for seven years. Four members will constitute a quorum, thus obviating the possibility of a deadlock in that tribunal. Should any one or more of these judges be prevented by any disability from serving, the vacancy or vacancies will be filled by gubernatorial authority, a justice or justices of the Supreme Court being selected for the purpose.

The question of salary was not touched upon, but doubtless will be the same as that of the Supreme Court Justices, \$9,000 a year. Several of the committee are of opinion that in the event of the passage of this amendment, the president judge of this, the highest court in the State, will be the incumbent of the chief justiceship. Mr. Beasley, and the remaining members will be selected from the Supreme Court.

Another change made by the committee will take away from the Chancellor the appointment of the Vice-Chancellors, making the latter constitutional officers, appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

WOODS ACCUSES VREELAND.

An Investigation Will Be Held Regarding the Mysterious Death of Jessie Woods.

Paterson, N. J., Feb. 28.—Jessie, the infant child of James Woods, of No. 158 Essex street, died in convulsions this morning and the father alleges that death was caused by medicine administered by Dr. Frank D. Ireland, a prominent homeopathic physician. Dr. Herbert Emerson was first in attendance on the child, who had whooping cough, and he was dismissed in favor of Dr. Ireland, although the patient was improving. Little Jessie grew worse, and yesterday afternoon Dr. Emerson was again summoned. He was requested to call again this morning, and found that the child had expired. Woods accused Dr. Ireland of killing the child, and at the same time demanded a burial certificate, which the physician refused to grant. Dr. Emerson also refused, and Woods repeated his story at the office of County Physician Johnson, who will conduct an investigation.

A WOMAN EXCISE DETECTIVE.

She Has Started a Crusade Against Unlicensed Places in Hoboken.

Mrs. Lamphar, the North Hudson woman, an excise detective, who recently caused the arrest of a dozen men for selling liquor without licenses, has an imitator in Hoboken in the person of Helena Paulsen, of No. 252 Sixth street.

The woman is a tenant of Patrick Sullivan, a member of the Hoboken Inkeepers' Protective Association. A few days ago she bought some liquor from Ernest Koenig, a neighboring grocer, and notified Sullivan that Koenig was selling without a license. The matter was laid before the association, and yesterday Sullivan and Secretary Schellert appeared before Recorder McDonough and had a warrant issued for the offending grocer.

Mrs. Paulsen proposes to keep up the crusade. The saloon keepers claim there are many places in Hoboken where liquor is sold without license, and they will back the woman's complaints on evidence she secures.

GIVE OLD OCEAN A CHANCE.

Edward Bachelor Must Have the Piling Removed from Shark River, New Jersey.

A meeting of the Riparian Commissioners of New Jersey was held yesterday in the Fuller building, in Jersey City, the only attendees being Governor Griggs. Two applications for riparian rights in Pleasure Bay, near Long Branch, were granted, amounting to 800 feet. The river of piling driven in the inlet to Shark River was another matter considered.

The riparian rights there were held by Edward Bachelor, who had washed away the sand, and Mr. Bachelor explained he had constructed the piling to prevent the sand from washing away. He said the piling did not interfere with the ocean or the inlet, but he was ordered to have the piling removed.

Easy on Polito's Slay.

Vincenzo De Santo, who on April 20 last killed Philip Polito and was convicted of manslaughter in the first degree, was sentenced to twelve years in State Prison by Justice Keogh, in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court yesterday. The maximum penalty is twenty years.

Defective Education.

Chicago Tribune.] When the political schools of the metropolitan schools of New York built up against Tom Platt that at once positive how defective their education had been, they are smart, as soon as this complaint is open to the public. Tom to stop the expensive business for an hour each day and teach them how it is done.

Would Draw.

[St. Louis Post-Dispatch.] If Tom Reed would announce a lecture by himself, subject, "William McKinley," and would promise to say exactly what he thinks of the President, he would draw a crowd such as no other American statesman has ever attracted.

CRAZY FRENCH POSTERS.

Strange fancy of some of the artists, whose diseased minds have contrived posters that have lately electrified Paris. The strangest, the latest, the craziest! In Sunday's Journal. Order now or you will miss it!

## WATER, NOT GOLD; FOUND IN A WELL.

No Gold Was Found but an Abundance of Crystal Water.

Sayreville, N. J., Took a Day Off to Attend the Blowing Up of the Slab on the Atkinson Farm.

FARMER MILLER'S ENTICING DREAM.

The Fame of the Spot Had Travelled Far, and Strange-Looking Men Often Visited the Scene at Night to Search for Supposed Hidden Gold.

New Brunswick, N. J., Feb. 28.—Pretty nearly all Sayreville township took a day off to-day to be present at the blowing up of the mysterious cave in which were supposed to rest the long lost treasures of Captain Kidd. John Miller, who lives on the Whitmore farm, which adjoins the Atkinson farm, where the cave is located, had an abiding faith in the dreams which have come to him for many nights past telling him that there were great treasures in the hole under the slab.

The stone slab was like none other around this section of Middlesex County. On it were curious hieroglyphics, which Mr. Miller believed were the sure marks of the great pirate. What worried Mr. Miller more than anything else after the news of his alleged find got out was that some one else would explore the hole before he could. Mr. Miller wanted the whole thing himself. He had a small room with a window looking out onto the fields, and he had a large pile of lumber and a bucket of dynamite. He decided to blow up the slab, and he had the dynamite brought in from the city.